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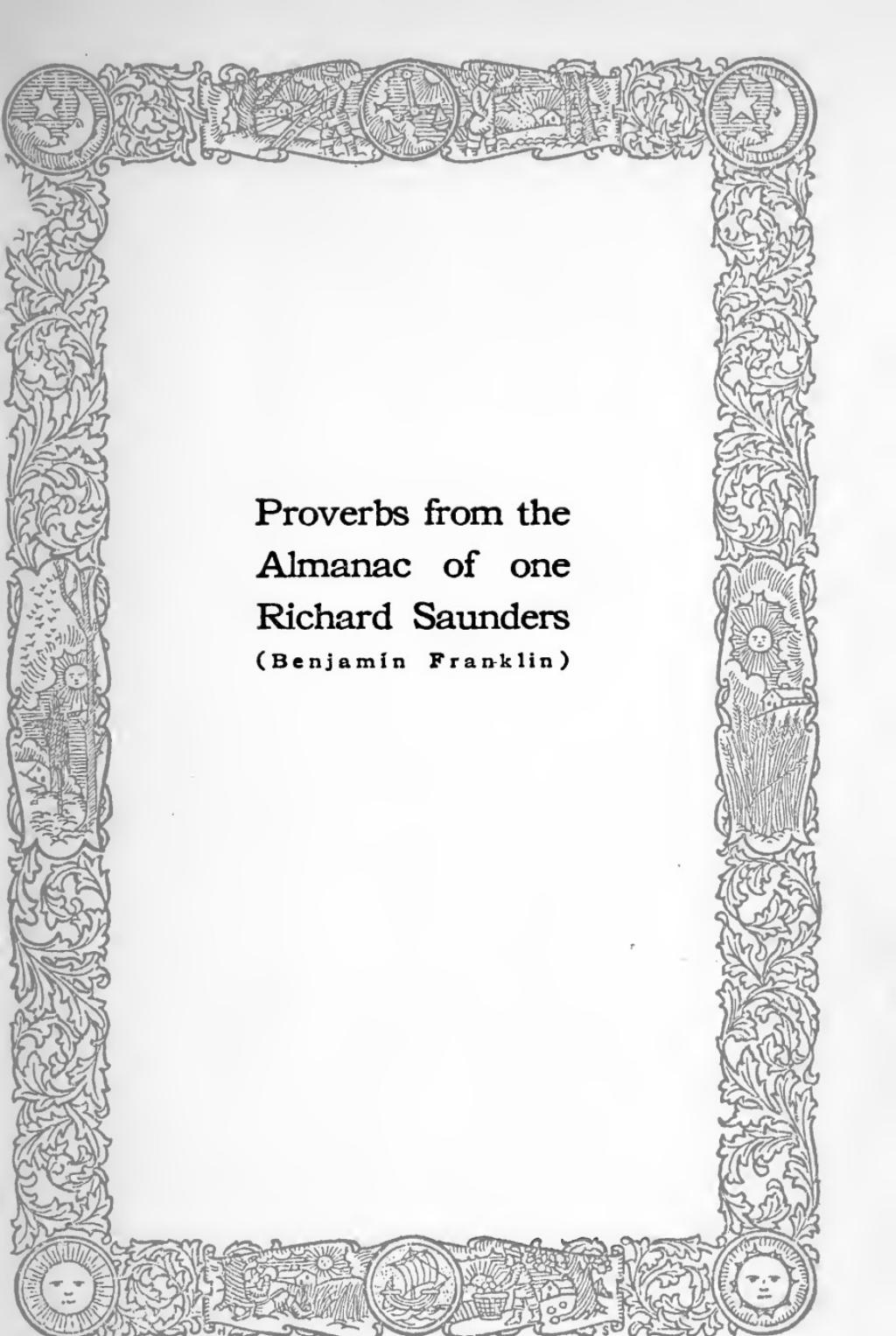
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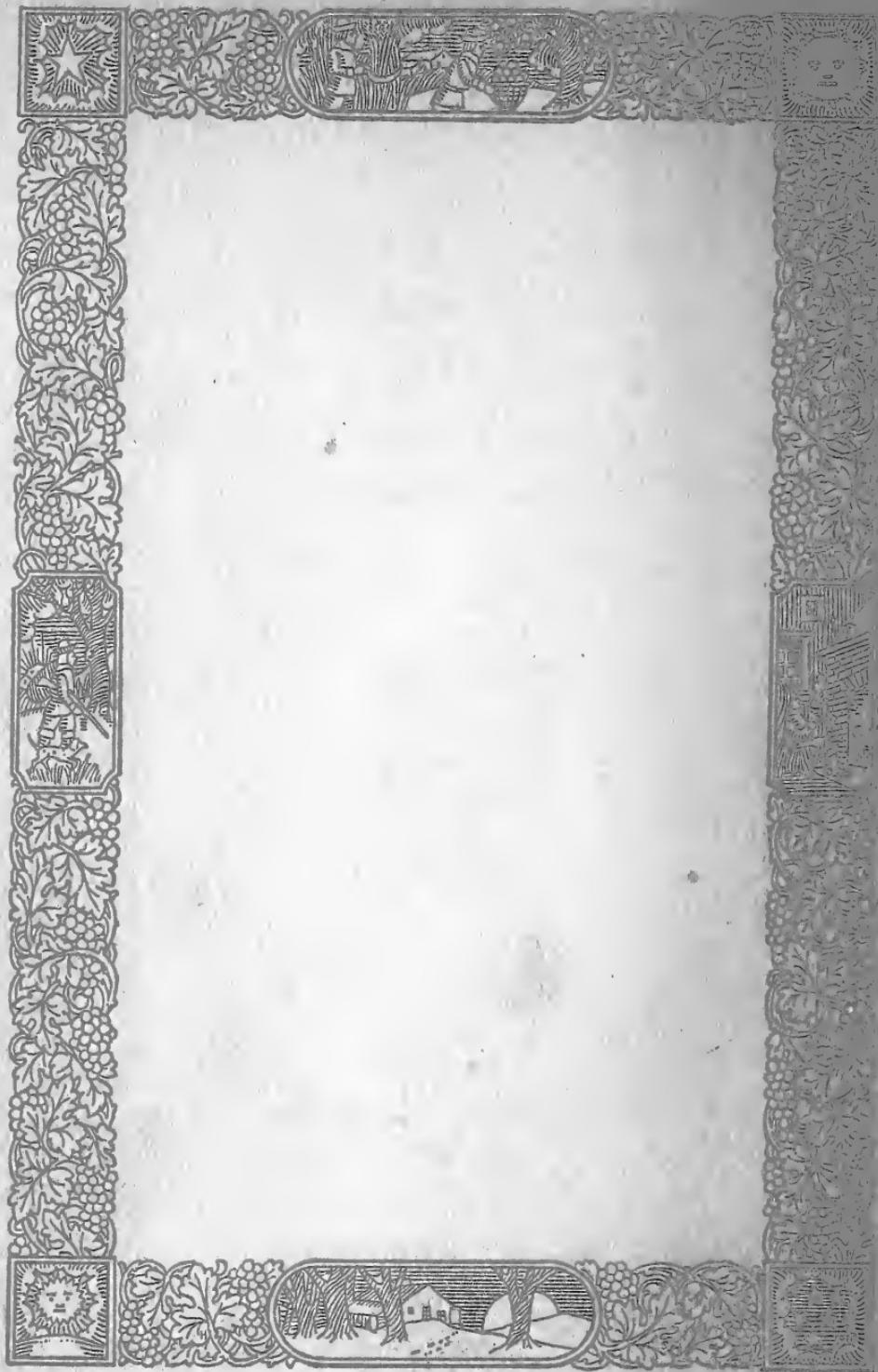






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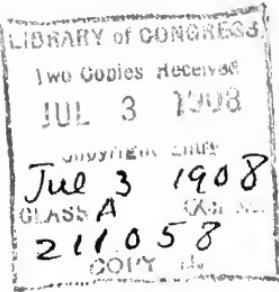


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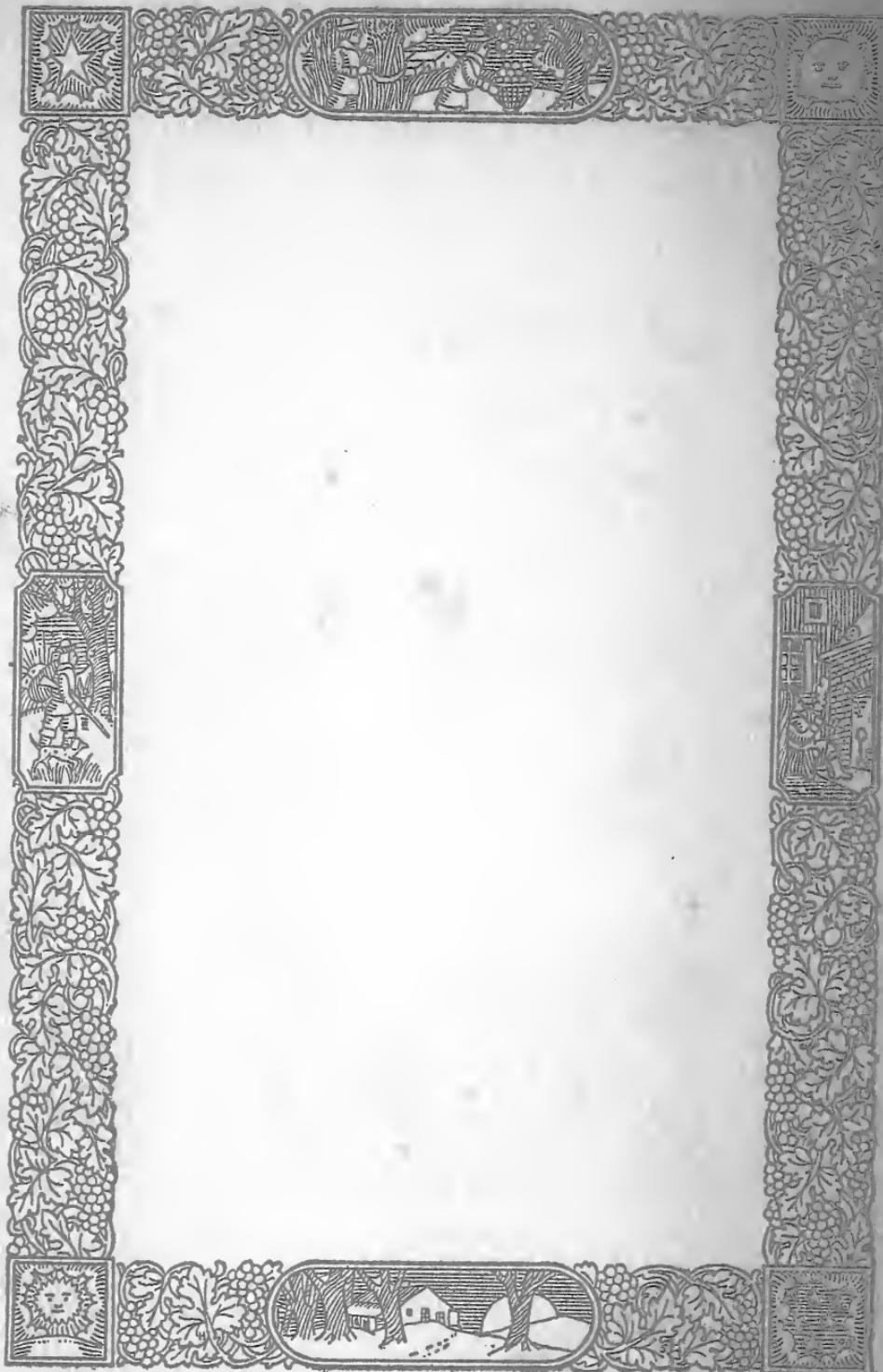


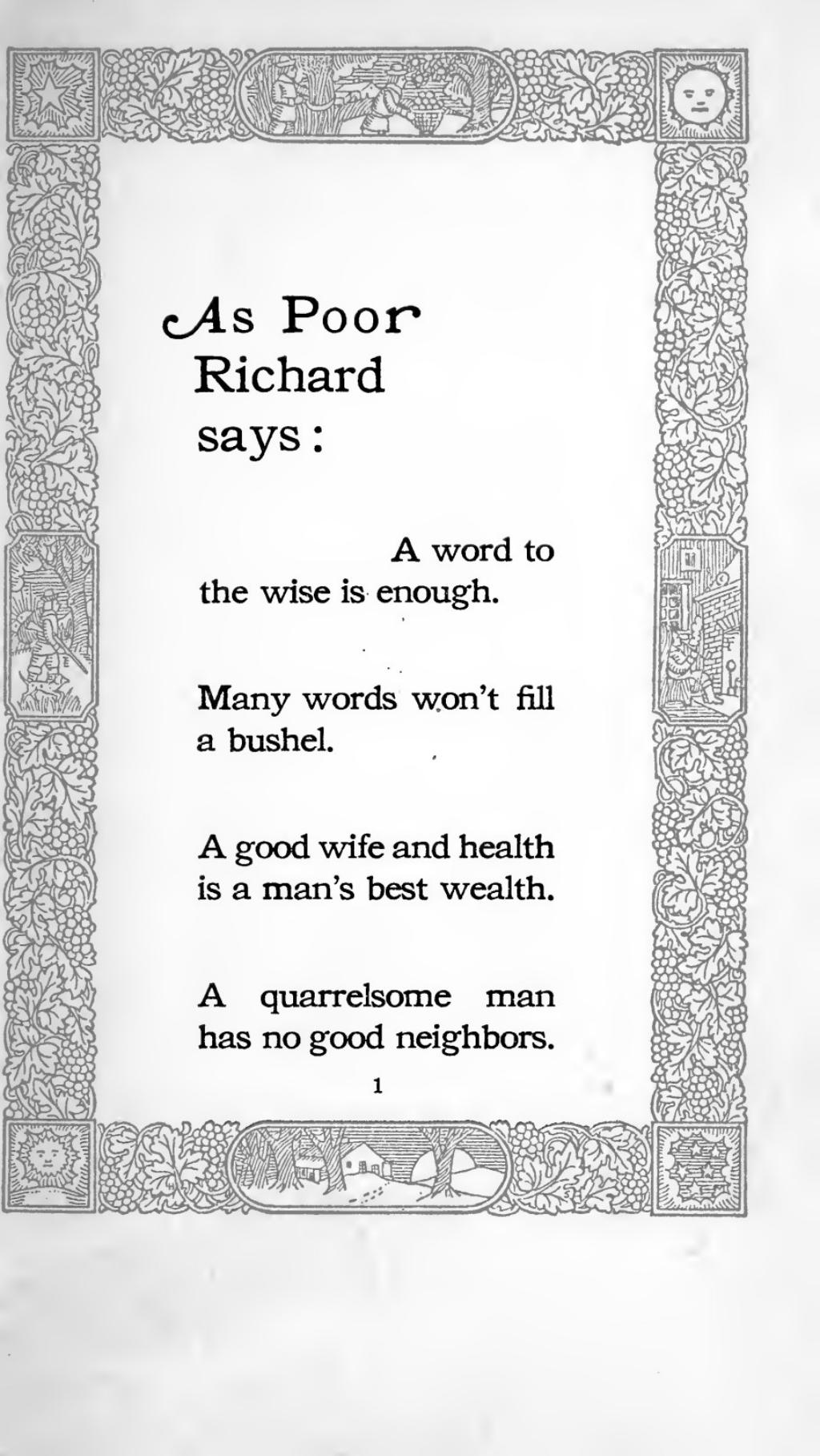
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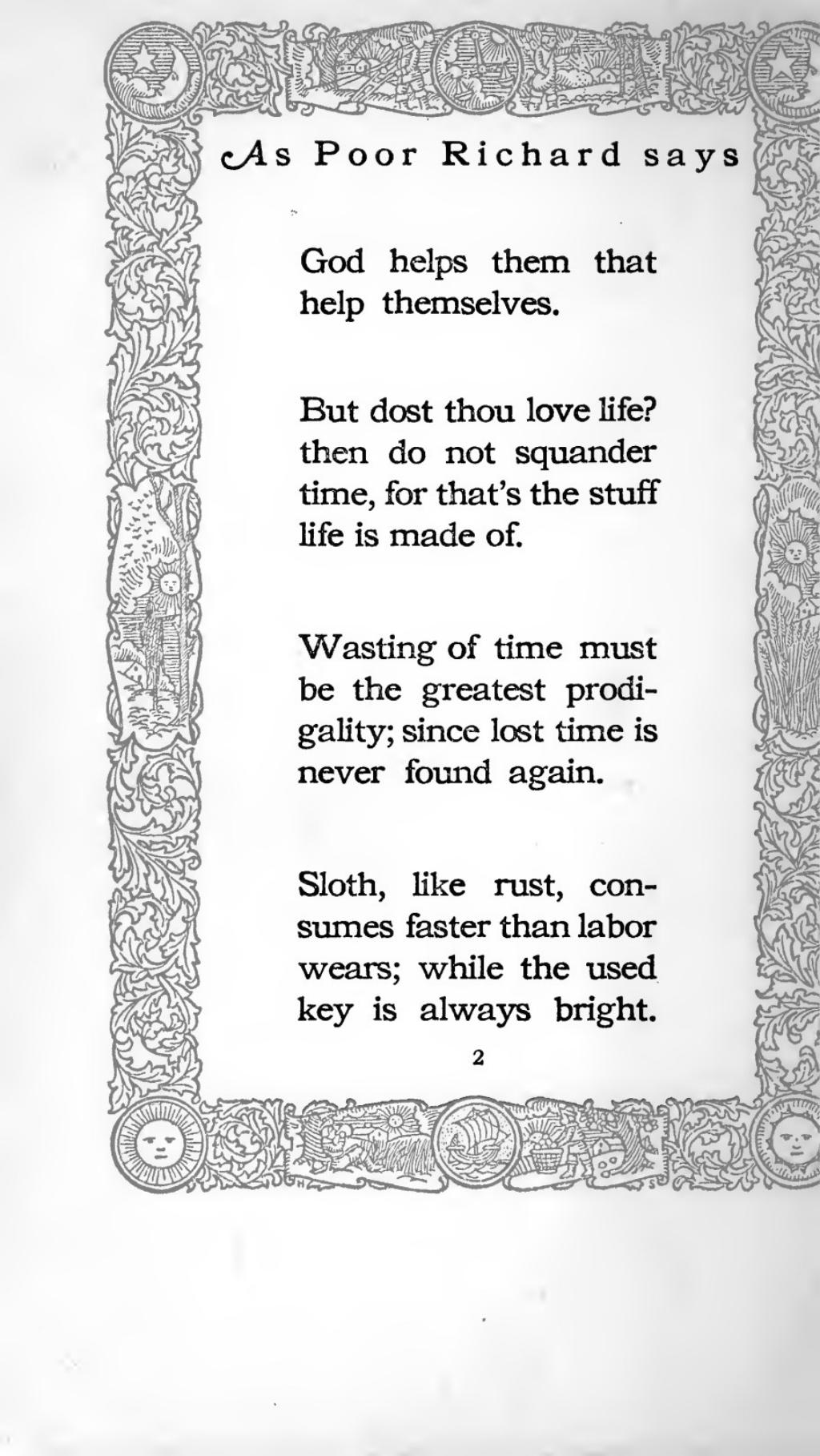
# As Poor Richard says:

A word to  
the wise is enough.

Many words won't fill  
a bushel.

A good wife and health  
is a man's best wealth.

A quarrelsome man  
has no good neighbors.



## As Poor Richard says

God helps them that help themselves.

But dost thou love life?  
then do not squander  
time, for that's the stuff  
life is made of.

Wasting of time must  
be the greatest prodi-  
gality; since lost time is  
never found again.

Sloth, like rust, con-  
sumes faster than labor  
wears; while the used  
key is always bright.



## As Poor Richard says

A sleeping fox catches  
no poultry.

There will be sleeping  
enough in the grave.

Sloth makes all things  
difficult, but industry  
all things easy.

He that riseth late must  
trot all day, and shall  
scarce overtake his  
business at night;  
while laziness travels  
so slowly that Poverty  
soon overtakes him.



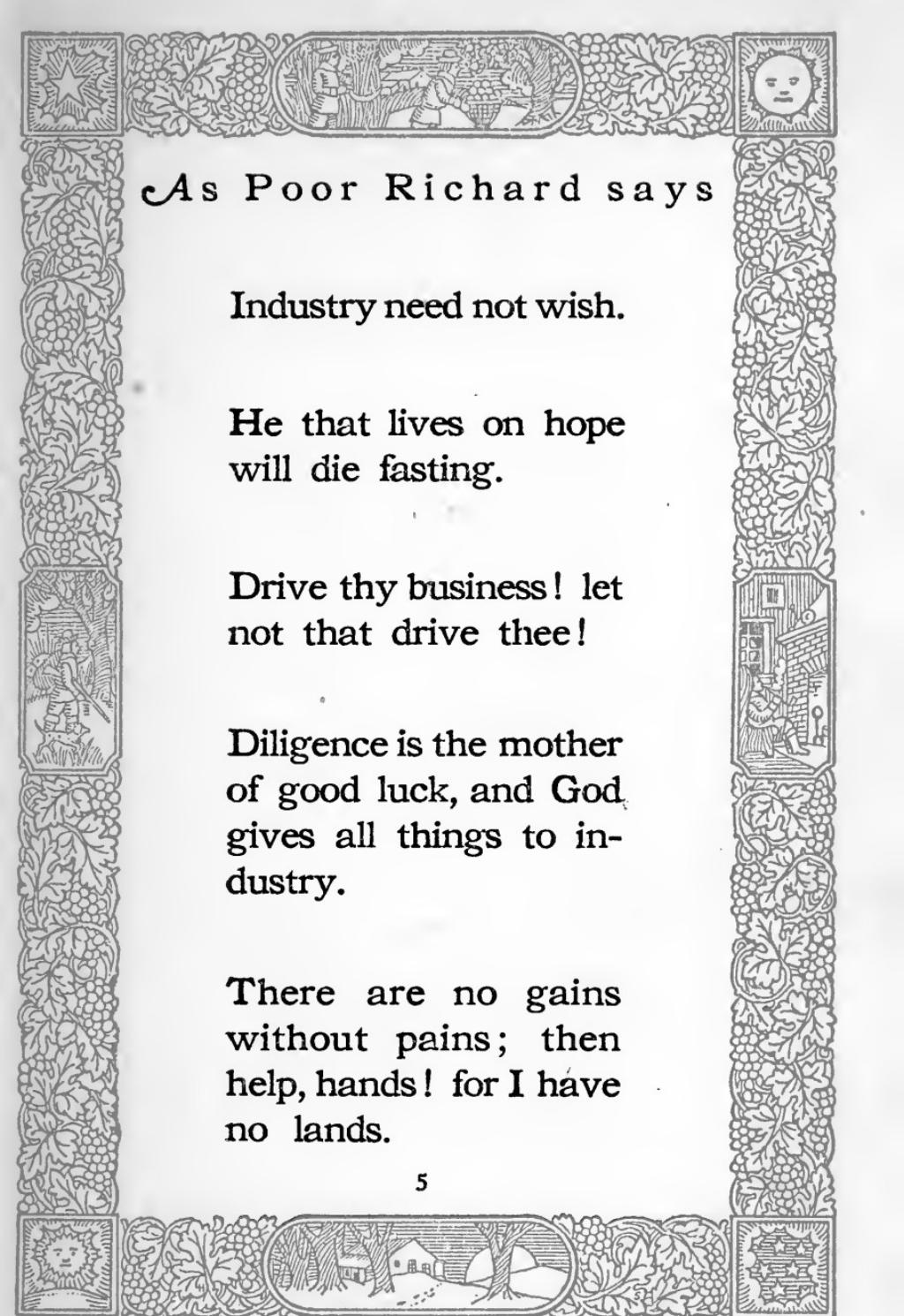
## As Poor Richard says

Time enough! always  
proves little enough.

At the working-man's  
house hunger looks in,  
but dares not enter.

Early to bed and early  
to rise  
Makes a man healthy,  
wealthy, and wise.

He that hath a trade  
hath an estate, and he  
that hath a calling hath  
an office of profit and  
honor.



## As Poor Richard says

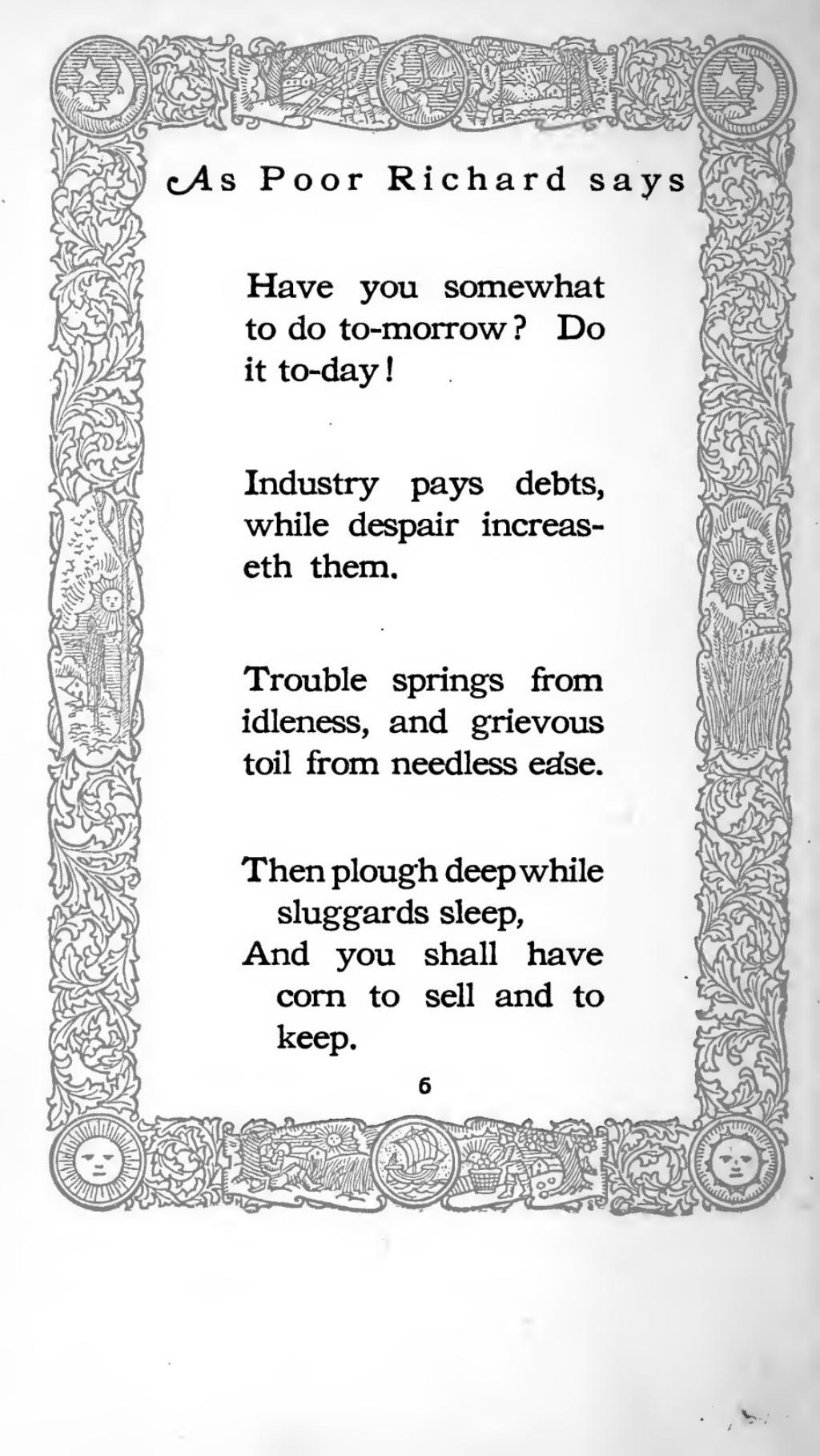
Industry need not wish.

He that lives on hope  
will die fasting.

Drive thy business! let  
not that drive thee!

Diligence is the mother  
of good luck, and God  
gives all things to in-  
dustry.

There are no gains  
without pains; then  
help, hands! for I have  
no lands.



## As Poor Richard says

Have you somewhat  
to do to-morrow? Do  
it to-day!

Industry pays debts,  
while despair increas-  
eth them.

Trouble springs from  
idleness, and grievous  
toil from needless ease.

Then plough deep while  
sluggards sleep,  
And you shall have  
corn to sell and to  
keep.



## As Poor Richard says

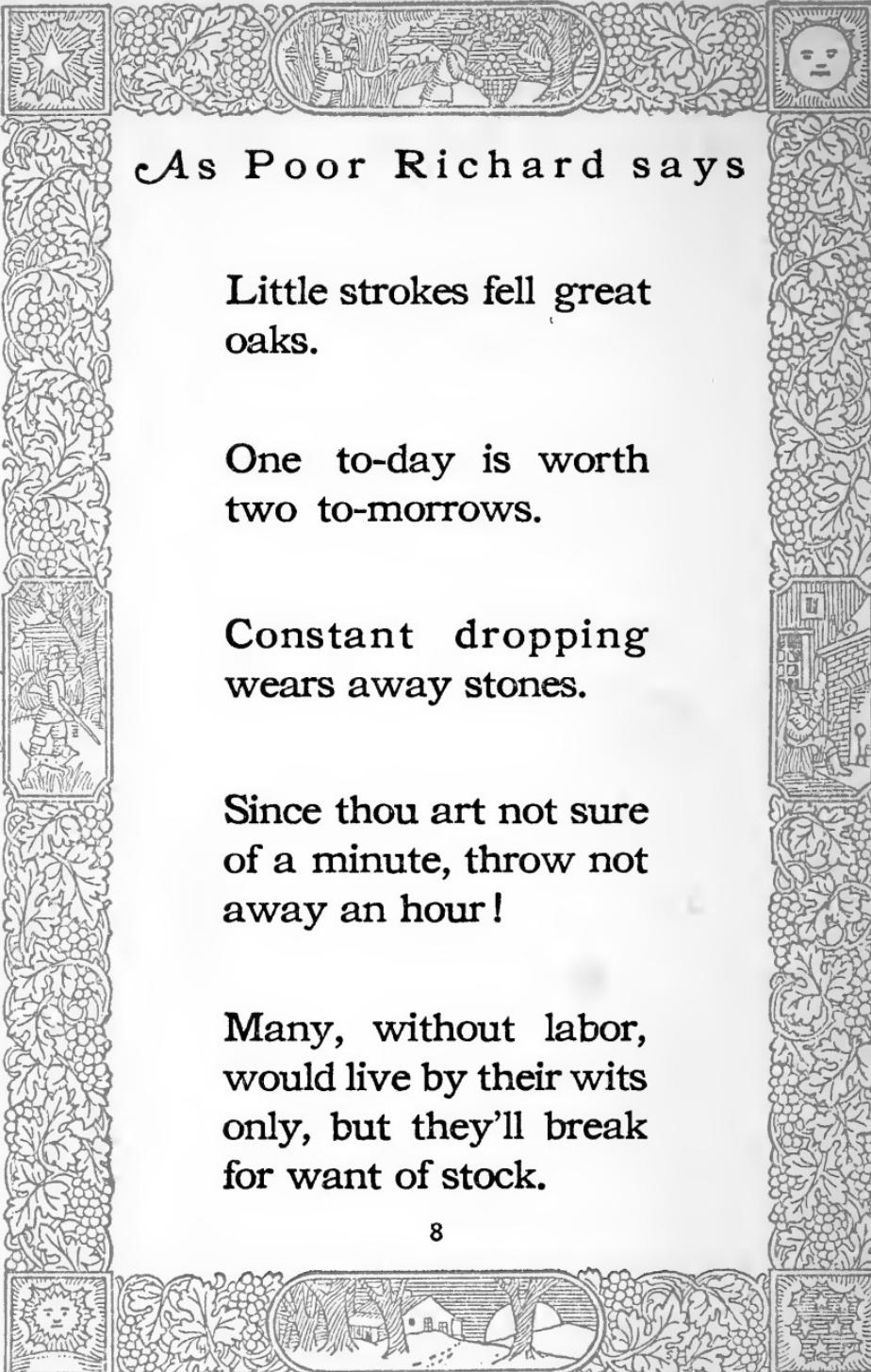
The cat in gloves catch-  
es no mice!

Be ashamed to catch  
yourself idle.

Employ thy time well,  
if thou meanest to gain  
leisure.

By diligence and pa-  
tience the mouse ate in  
two the cable.

Let not the sun look  
down and say, "Inglor-  
ious here he lies!"



## As Poor Richard says

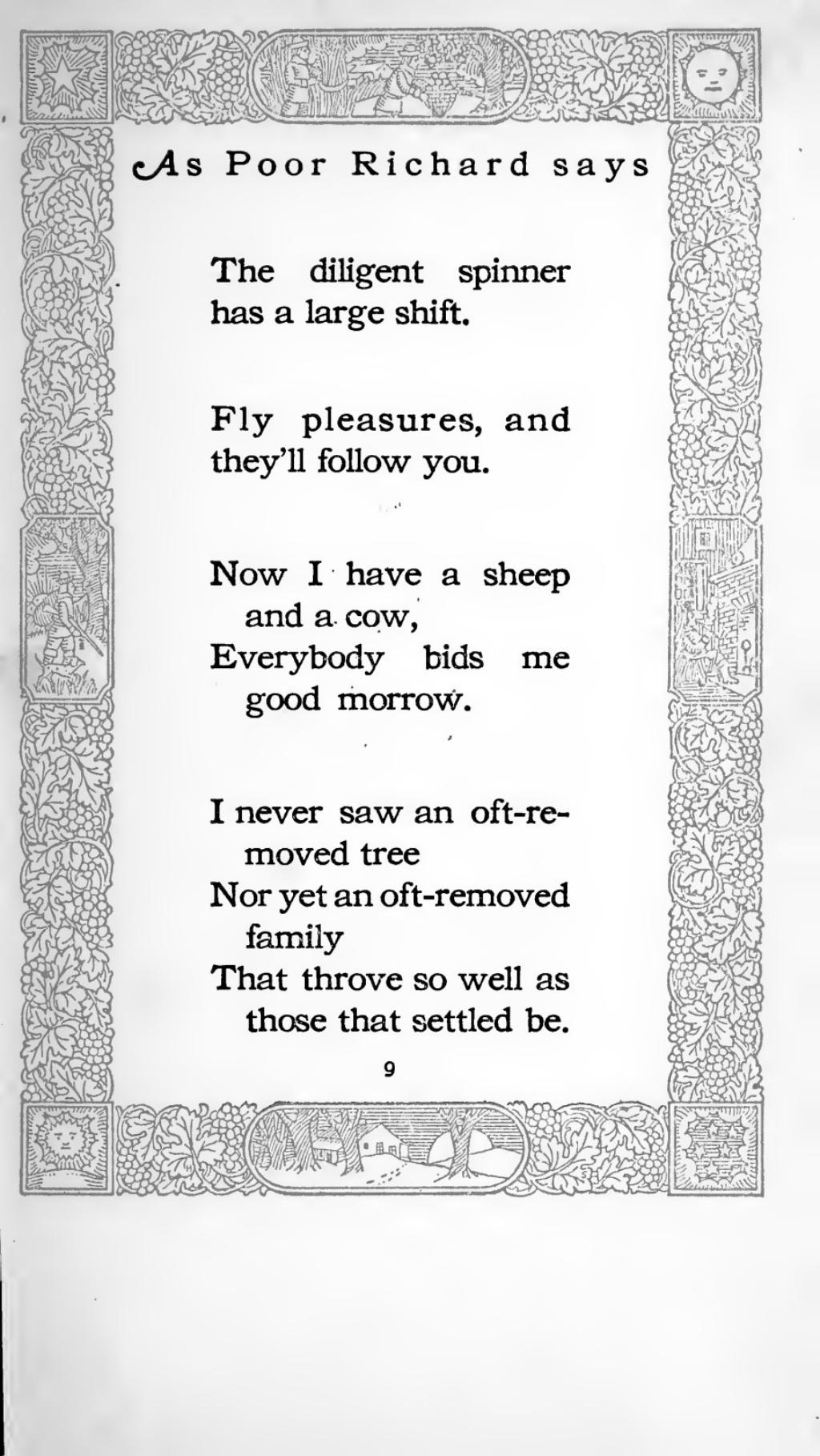
Little strokes fell great oaks.

One to-day is worth two to-morrows.

Constant dropping wears away stones.

Since thou art not sure of a minute, throw not away an hour!

Many, without labor, would live by their wits only, but they'll break for want of stock.



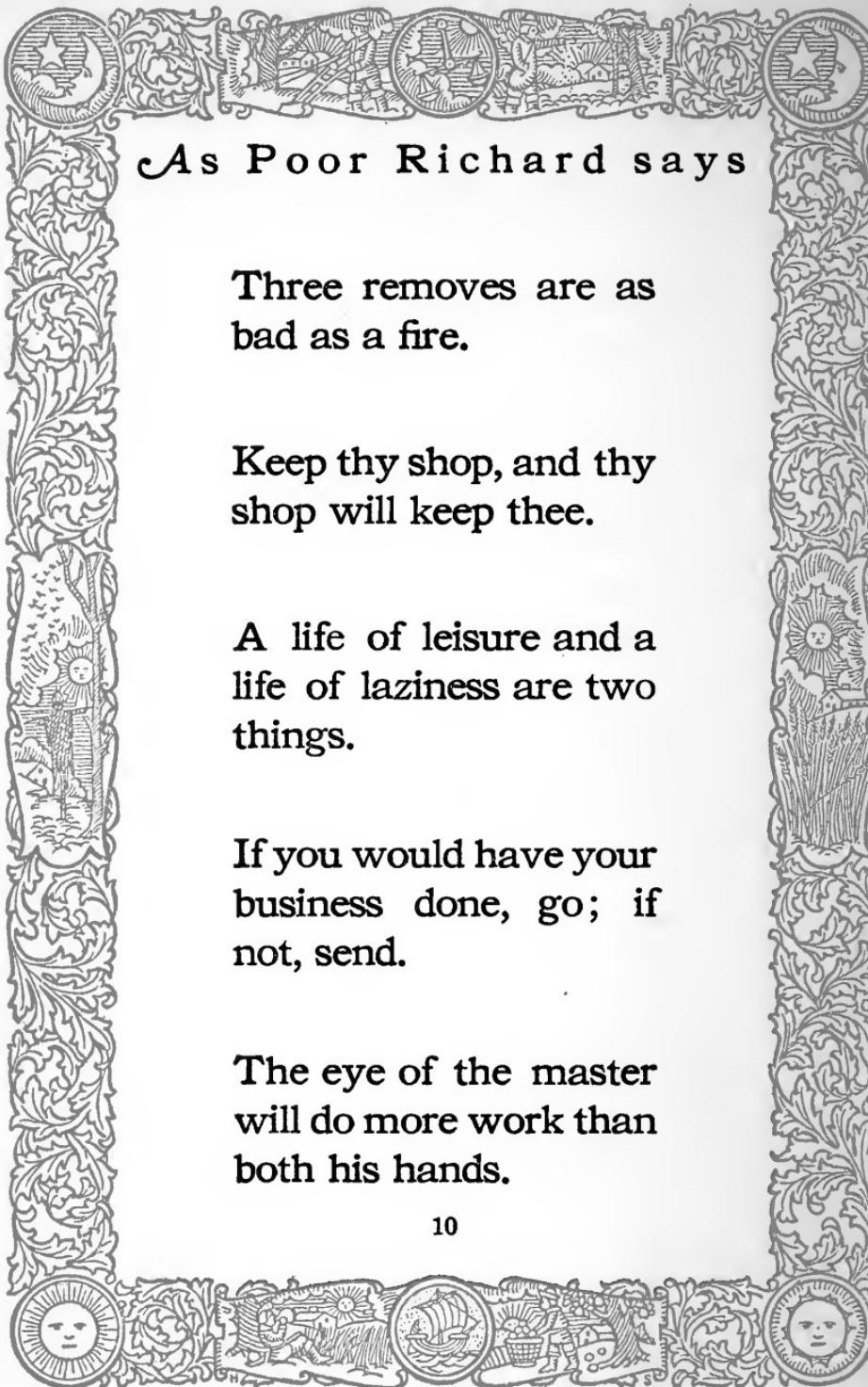
## As Poor Richard says

The diligent spinner  
has a large shift.

Fly pleasures, and  
they'll follow you.

Now I have a sheep  
and a cow,  
Everybody bids me  
good Morrow.

I never saw an oft-re-  
moved tree  
Nor yet an oft-removed  
family  
That thrrove so well as  
those that settled be.



## As Poor Richard says

Three removes are as  
bad as a fire.

Keep thy shop, and thy  
shop will keep thee.

A life of leisure and a  
life of laziness are two  
things.

If you would have your  
business done, go; if  
not, send.

The eye of the master  
will do more work than  
both his hands.



## As Poor Richard says

Not to oversee workmen is to leave them your purse open.

Want of care does us more damage than want of knowledge.

In the affairs of this world men are saved, not by faith, but by the want of it.

He that by the plough would thrive,  
Himself must either hold or drive.



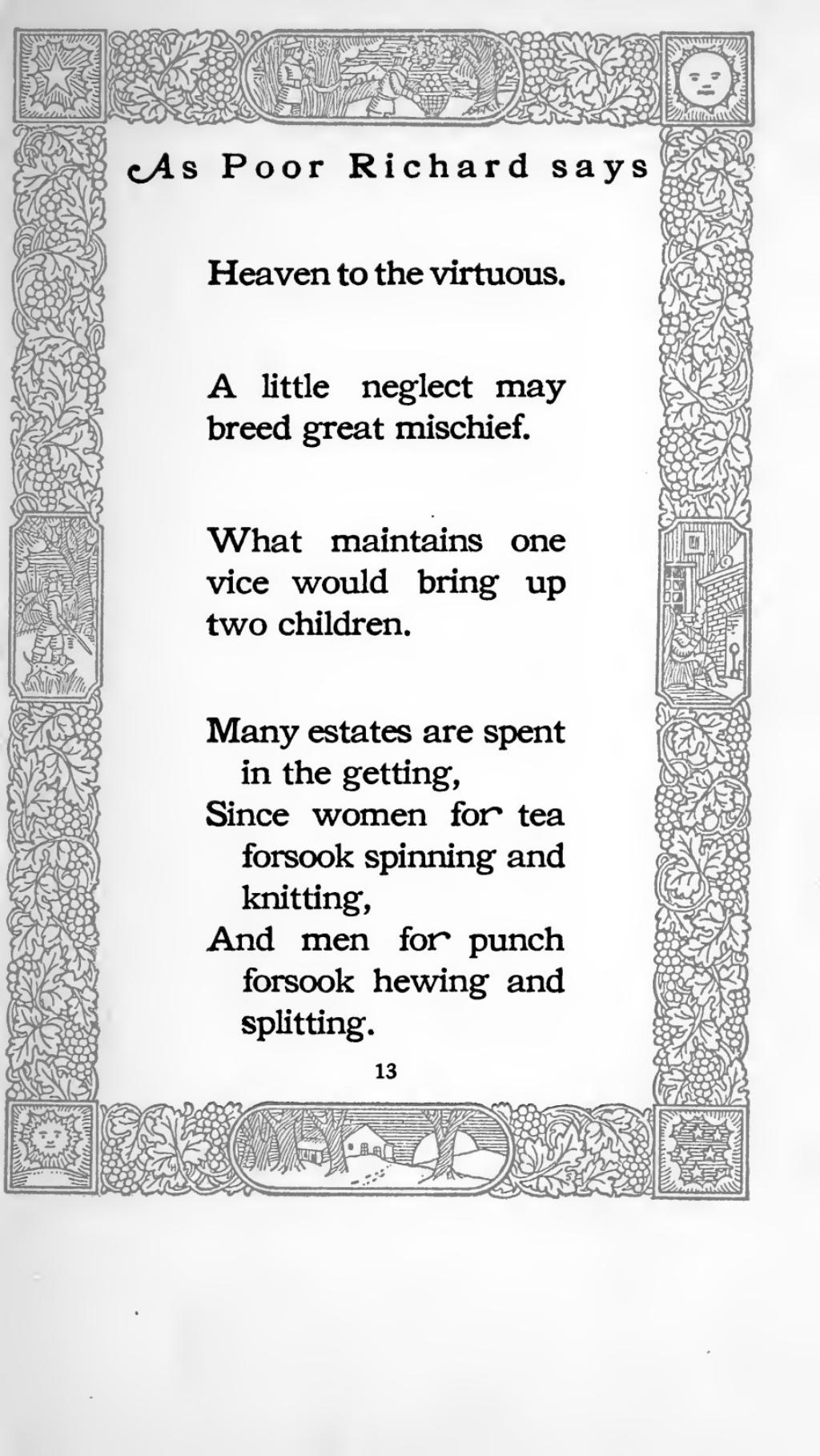
## As Poor Richard says

Power to the bold.

Learning is to the studious, and Riches to the careful.

If you would have a faithful servant, and one that you like, serve yourself.

For want of a nail, the shoe was lost; for want of a shoe, the horse was lost; and for want of a horse, the rider was lost.



## As Poor Richard says

Heaven to the virtuous.

A little neglect may  
breed great mischief.

What maintains one  
vice would bring up  
two children.

Many estates are spent  
in the getting,  
Since women for tea  
forsook spinning and  
knitting,  
And men for punch  
forsook hewing and  
splitting.



## As Poor Richard says

Many a little makes  
a mickle.

A fat kitchen makes  
a lean will.

Women and wine,  
game and deceit,  
Make the wealth small  
and the wants great.

Think of saving as well  
as of getting. The  
Indies have not made  
Spain rich; because her  
outgoes are greater  
than her incomes.



## As Poor Richard says

At a great pennyworth  
pause a while.

Fools make feasts, and  
wise men eat them.

Who dainties love,  
shall beggars prove.

Beware of little ex-  
penses; a small leak  
will sink a great ship.

A man may keep his  
nose all his life to the  
grindstone, and die not  
worth a groat at last.



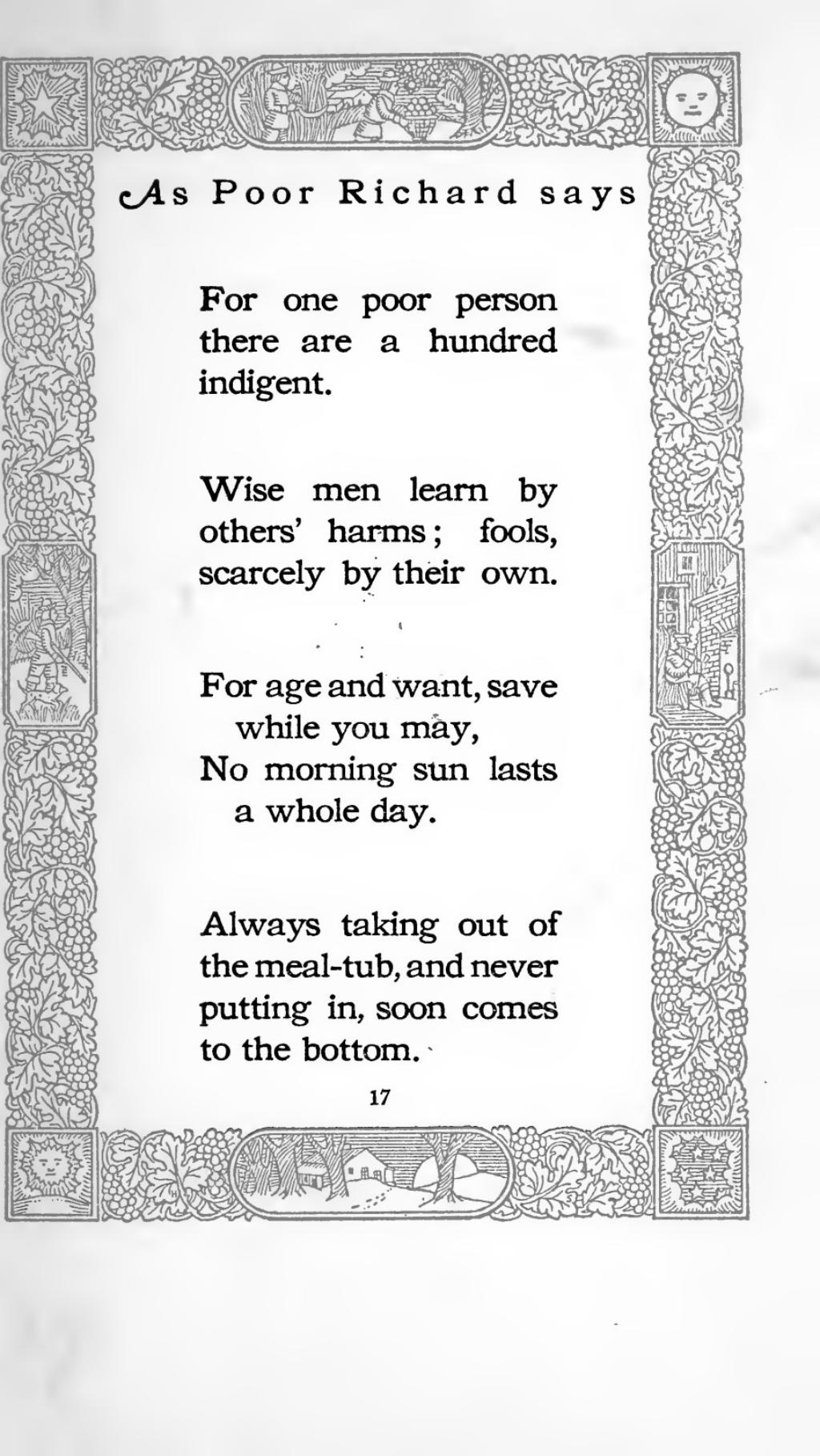
## As Poor Richard says

Many have been ruined  
by buying good penny-  
worths.

'T is foolish to lay out  
money in a purchase of  
repentance.

Buy what thou hast  
no need of, and ere  
long thou shalt sell thy  
necessaries.

A child and a fool im-  
agine twenty shillings  
and twenty years can  
never be spent.



## As Poor Richard says

For one poor person  
there are a hundred  
indigent.

Wise men learn by  
others' harms; fools,  
scarcely by their own.

For age and want, save  
while you may,  
No morning sun lasts  
a whole day.

Always taking out of  
the meal-tub, and never  
putting in, soon comes  
to the bottom.



## As Poor Richard says

Pride that dines on vanity,  
sups on contempt.

When the well's dry,  
they know the worth  
of water.

A ploughman on his  
legs is higher than a  
gentleman on his knees.

What is a butterfly?  
At best  
He's but a caterpillar  
drest,  
The gaudy fop's his  
picture just.



## As Poor Richard says

He's a lucky fellow who  
is made prudent by  
other men's perils.

If you would know the  
value of money, go and  
try to borrow some.

Pride breakfasted with  
Plenty, dined with Pov-  
erty, and supped with  
Infamy.

Fond pride of dress is,  
sure, a very curse;  
Ere fancy you consult,  
consult your purse.



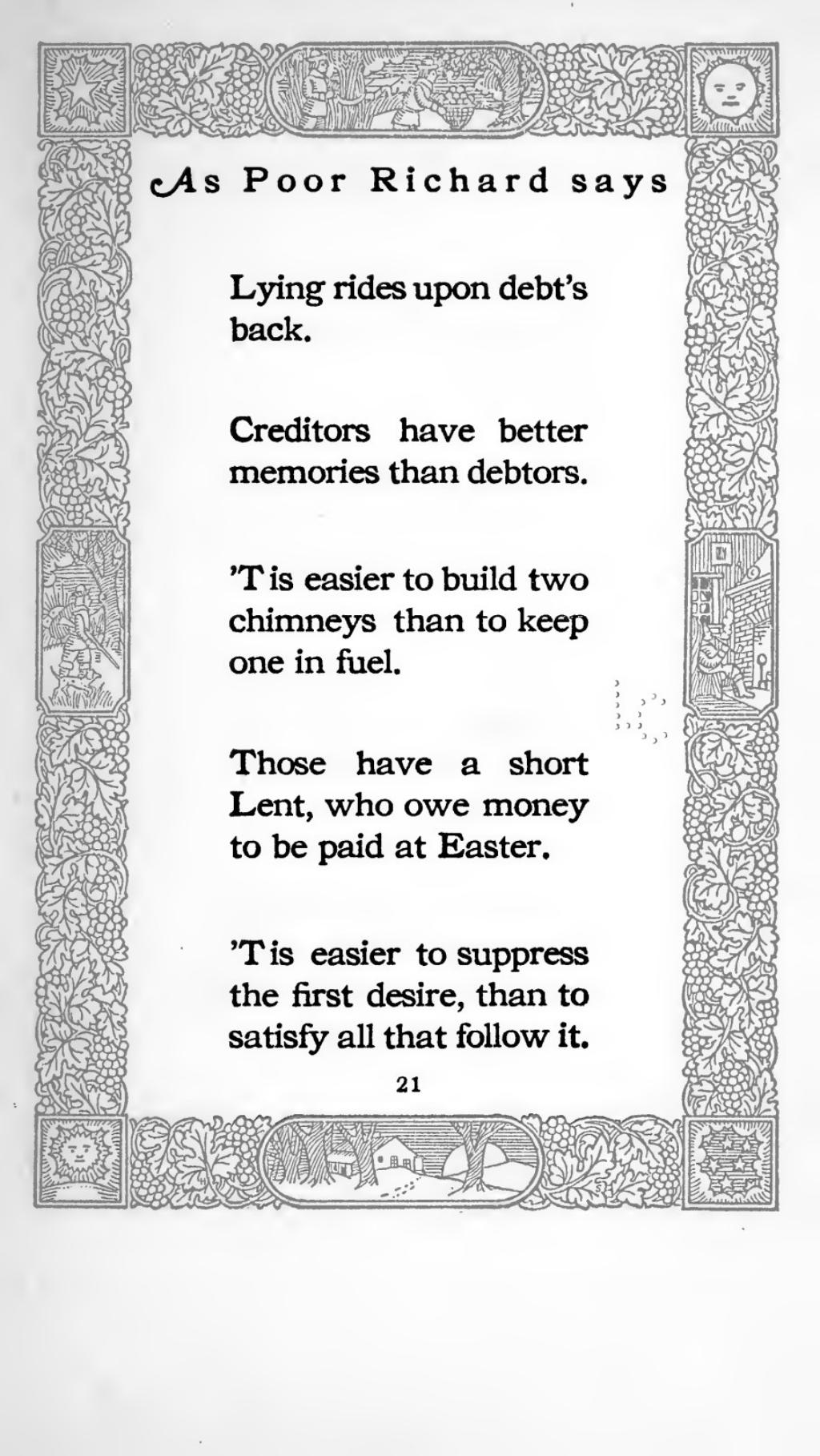
## As Poor Richard says

The second vice is lying,  
the first is running  
into debt.

Pride is as loud a beggar as Want, and a great deal more saucy.

Creditors are a superstitious set, great observers of set days and times.

Great estates may venture more,  
But little boats should keep near shore.



## As Poor Richard says

Lying rides upon debt's back.

Creditors have better memories than debtors.

'T is easier to build two chimneys than to keep one in fuel.

Those have a short Lent, who owe money to be paid at Easter.

'T is easier to suppress the first desire, than to satisfy all that follow it.



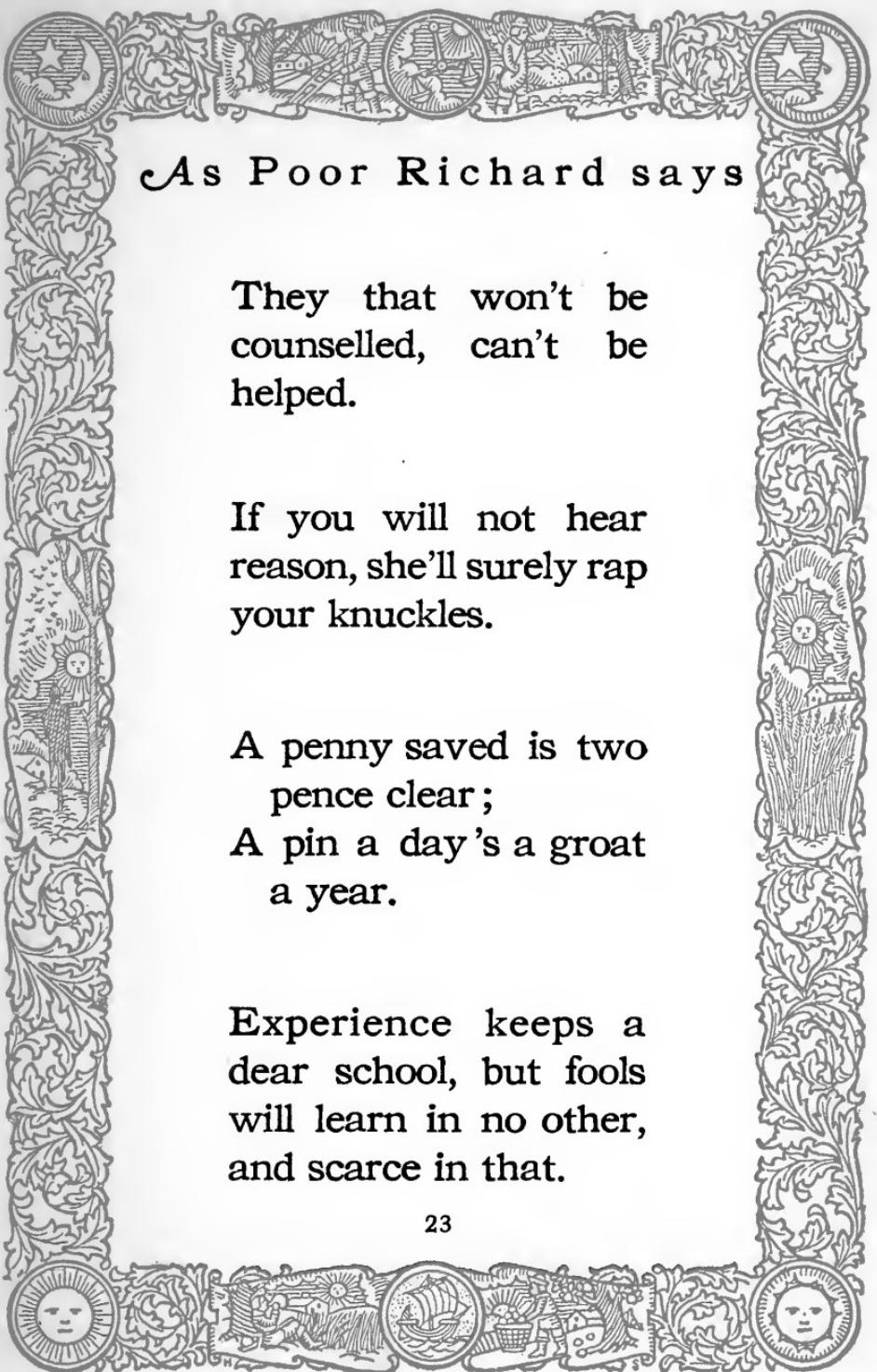
## As Poor Richard says

Rather go to bed supperless, than rise in debt.

We may give advice,  
but we cannot give conduct.

The borrower is a slave  
to the lender, and the  
debtor to the creditor.

Get what you can, and  
what you get hold ;  
'T is the stone that will  
turn all your lead  
into gold.



## As Poor Richard says

They that won't be counselled, can't be helped.

If you will not hear reason, she'll surely rap your knuckles.

A penny saved is two pence clear;  
A pin a day's a groat a year.

Experience keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other, and scarce in that.



## As Poor Richard says

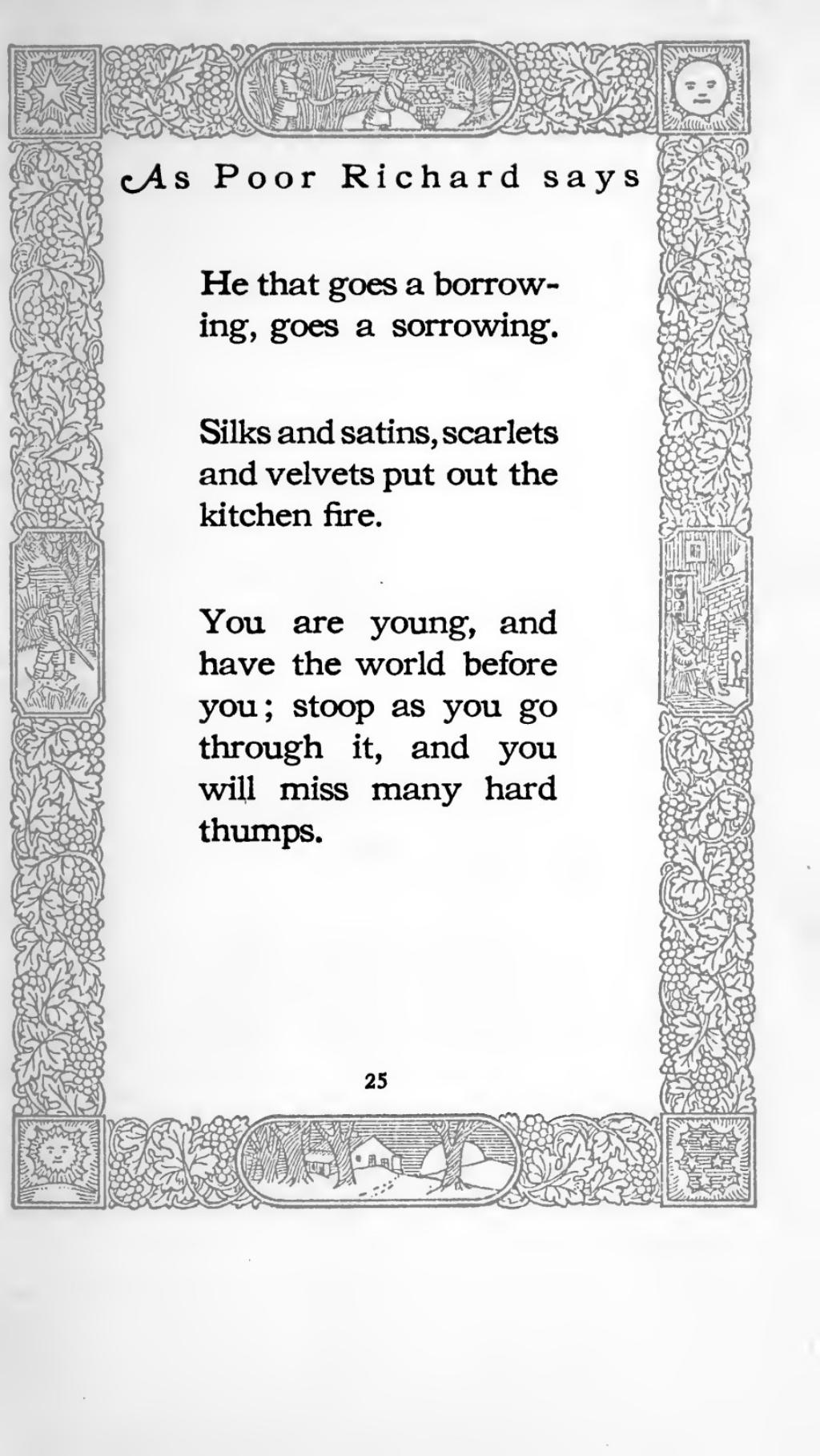
Never dig more than  
plough-deep.

'T is hard for an empty  
bag to stand upright !

The good paymaster is  
lord of another man's  
purse.

When you incline to  
drink rum, fill the glass  
half with water.

The use of money is all  
the advantage there is  
in having money.



As Poor Richard says

He that goes a borrowing,  
goes a sorrowing.

Silks and satins, scarlets  
and velvets put out the  
kitchen fire.

You are young, and  
have the world before  
you; stoop as you go  
through it, and you  
will miss many hard  
thumps.





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